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1. VISAS FOR ANGOLA MUST STILL BE OBTAINED AT PORTUGUESE
DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE
PORTUGUESE CONSULAR FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE AVAILABLE ONLY
IN KINSHASA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, BUT MORE LIKELY TO
OPEN SOON AS THE BARRIERS TO DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PORTUGAL
ARE DROPPED BY AFRICAN STATES. TRAVELERS FLYING TO LUANDA
FROM A COUNTRY WITHOUT A PORTUGUESE CONSUL ARE ROUTINELY
GIVEN AIRPORT VISAS GOOD FOR A 3 DAY STAY.

2. OVERLAND ENTRY IS POSSIBLE FROM ZAIRE, THE CONGO AND
NAMIBIA AND THE INTERNAL ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK IS ADEQUATE
FOR TRAVELERS TRAVERSING ANGOLA.

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3. WE RECOMMEND THAT OVERLAND TRAVELLERS EXERCISE CAUTION AND TRAVEL ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. INTERNAL SECURITY CONDITIONS CHANGE RAPIDLY AND THE LIBERATION ARMIES SOMETIMES PUT UP ROADBLOCKS TO STOP AND SEARCH CARS. THE LIBERATION TROOPS HAVE NO NOTION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OR CONSULAR PRIVILEGES. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD ONE INCIDENT HERE INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE CONSULAR CORPS. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE JOINT MILITARY COMMAND HAVE PROMISED TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, BUT THE BEST PROTECTION AT THIS TIME IS EXTREME CAUTION. TRAVELLERS SHOULD NOT BRING ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY AS THE GOVERNMENT ASKED EVERYONE TO TURN IN THEIR WEAPONS.

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